

**Amendment to the Claims:**

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the present application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A method for implementing system information acquisition in a mobile telecommunications system, the system comprising a network of a plurality of cells and at least one user equipment device, the method comprising, in the user equipment device:

when the user equipment has system information stored in the user equipment device, which system information has an associated expiration time limit, reading broadcast system information, the method characterised by reading the broadcast system information before the end of the expiration time limit minus a threshold and storing updated system information in the user equipment device, when the user equipment determines that a time since a last reading of the broadcast system information is greater than the expiration time limit minus the threshold.

2. (Original) A method according to claim 1 further comprising using the updated system information on expiry of the expiration time limit.

3. (Original) A method according to claim 1 wherein the threshold is greater than a repetition period for the system information.

4. (Original) A method according to claim 1 wherein the threshold is less than or equal to 10 times the repetition period for the system information.
5. (Original) A method according to claim 1 further comprising initiating the method only when the system information has an associated value tag.
6. (Currently Amended) Apparatus for implementing system information acquisition in a mobile telecommunications system, the system comprising a network of a plurality of cells and at least one user equipment device, the apparatus in the user equipment device being arranged such that:
- when the user equipment has system information stored in the user equipment device, which system information has an associated expiration time limit, the user equipment reads broadcast system information, the apparatus characterised by user equipment reading the broadcast system information before the expiry of the expiration time limit minus a threshold and ~~stores~~ storing updated system information in the user equipment device, when the user equipment determines that a time since a last reading of the broadcast system information is greater than the expiration time limit minus the threshold.